

of these 2,773 industrial units which were found to be covered under 27 'F' categories were sealed. In addition, 863 water polluting units had already been sealed in the course of earlier operations. The number of industries closed in the present case of enforcement action till 28.2.2001 is 681. The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that the exact figures regarding number of workers affected are unavailable.

(c) and (d) 16,394 industrial units which had applied for plots and where found eligible under the Relocation Scheme of Government of Delhi, have been allotted industrial plots/flats. Out of these, 6,563 'F' category units have been given allotments on priority basis in industrial areas at Jhilmil Industrial Area, Patparganj, Badli, Narela and Bawana. The Government have also facilitated the allotment of land/industrial plots in National Capital Region to facilitate the workers and the entrepreneurs for work/employment in designated industrial estates.

Development assistance from Britain

1127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has decided to triple its development assistance to India at 300 million pounds from the prevailing 100 million pounds for poverty alleviation; and

(b) if so, how Government plan to utilise the said fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) has informed that "After the recent visit of Ms. Clare Short, UK Secretary of State for International Development, to India and her meeting with the Finance Minister on 16.1.2001, Department of Economic Affairs had received a letter from her to Finance Minister stating, inter-alia, that on the assumption that our partner States continue to make steady progress with their respective reform agendas, we plan at least to triple our direct assistance to India from around Rs. 700 crore annual disbursement now to more than 2000 crore rupees a year in threes years time'. However, Department of Economic Affairs have not received any formal decision of UK Government in the above context".